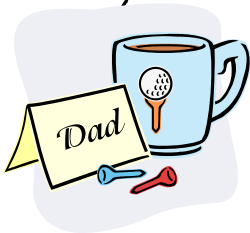


Letter from the Editor



We had a difficult time writing our letter this month. Perhaps it was the near daily rain. Oh wait, it WAS daily rain. However, thanks to the rain, this year's spring was a vivid green. On the few occasions we were more pensive than morose, we contemplated the arrival of summer later this month. The Boulevard will be humming again. We remember what the Boulevard looked like on Sundays not that long ago. Deserted, except for **CVS** and **Moonlite Cafe**.

Cannon Coffee opened creating an oasis midway down the Boulevard, and **Brookline Pub** with outdoor seating added to the buzz. Now **Mateo's** is serving Sunday dinner. The biggest draw on Sundays is **Las Palmas**. Our mouths water from the smell of grilled onions and peppers, as we stroll the Boulevard weaving through the taco crowd.

You would think this would be a welcome site, but we continue to hear people complain about the crowd. Remember folks, we want to see Brookline thrive. That means more business, more people, and a variety of both. We find it amusing that world travelers wax on about street food they've discovered, even writing books about the subject and creating shows for cable television. Yet, right here in Brookline we have street food that draws people from other communities, and we're complaining?!? Word is out. Brookline is a place to shop and eat. Frankly, we are thrilled with the interest in Brookline. We also like tacos and have been in the line. It's a friendly place. Food tends to do that. So take a Boulevard stroll on a Sunday afternoon, meet us in the taco line, or just say "Hi" as you weave through.



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Frank F. DeBor Funeral Home Inc. is celebrating 60 years of service. When **Frank F.** and **Mary Joe DeBor** opened in Brookline, the funeral home was also their family home. Mary Joe was a licensed funeral director which was an unusual occupation for a woman at that time. They created a quality business that their son, **Frank D. DeBor**, continues today.

Frank joined his parents in the business after graduating from Washington & Jefferson College. He attended mortuary school and became a licensed funeral director. After about nine years, he recognized he could offer more to families if he could answer their legal questions. So with a business to run and a growing family, he enrolled in Duquesne University's School of Law. He is now the only licensed funeral director and practicing attorney in Pittsburgh.

His law degree has allowed him to enhance his parents' legacy of personal quality service. Frank remembers his father's practice of answering every call himself and many vacation trips that were cancelled at the last minute because someone had a funeral need. Frank prides himself on answering the calls today, but now he can offer more. With his legal knowledge, he can assist with estates, wills, trusts, long-term care planning and powers of attorney.

While DeBor has expanded considerably since it opened, Frank has maintained the personal caring attention to detail. Shortly after I spoke to Frank, I had occasion to attend a visitation at DeBor. A relative of the deceased mentioned that we were in the same room used for her mother. Her mother was wearing pink, which was her favorite color, and the flowers surrounding the casket, as well as the drapes behind the casket, were pink. She said that it was so beautiful, so perfect.

Dealing with a death is always a difficult time. As Frank says, "I deal with people at the worst time of their life." He also says his satisfaction comes from being able to assist people. The woman with whom I spoke felt the pain of her loss, but Frank had made the last memory of her mother special.

It's nice to know the service we will all need at some point is right in the neighborhood and has been for a long time. What's even better is knowing that the person who runs it cares.

-Pamela Grabowski
Photos by *Catia Fath*





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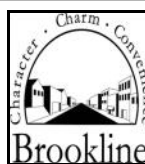
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-Robert Smith

Social Security Manager in Pittsburgh



SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

As I write this, the Governor's budget proposal has been introduced in the House and work will now begin on making changes to it that we can support. The Senate Democrats have several key restorations that we hope to make and have been discussing ways to pay for those restorations. One such way is to close the Delaware loophole. That proposal is part of the Tax Fairness component in the PA Works Plan and is something that our Caucus continues to advocate for and support.

Pennsylvania has one of the highest corporate net income taxes in the nation, but 70% of our corporations do not even pay it because of the Delaware loophole. Imagine how competitive we could be if all corporations paid their fair share in the Commonwealth? Sources estimate that PA loses \$450 million a year because of this loophole.

The loophole forces the state to rely more on taxpayers and small business owners – all of whom are already struggling to recover from a recession. Supporters say that the loophole is a tool that allows companies to avoid the high corporate net income tax rate by reducing their taxable income. The company then can be more competitive and it is financially viable to stay in PA. My question to those supporters is isn't that what we want all residents and small businesses to be able to do? Isn't it in the best interest for all taxpayers in the Commonwealth to be competitive and to make it financially viable for them to stay in PA? Sure, we would all like to avoid high tax rates – but the reality is that there is a cost to providing state services and programs, maintaining our roads and bridges, and protecting the health, safety and welfare of our residents. Shouldn't that cost be spread across all parties so that it is as fair as possible for taxpayers?

We know that we must live within our means, but we can accomplish budget savings to provide more in this year's budget without any service cuts and without new taxes. As I have stated before, this will be our focus throughout this budget process. Shouldn't the Delaware loophole be one of the first policies that we look at in this discussion?



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Things that aren't here anymore - Part 27

As you've heard me say before, Brookline was a wonderful place for a child to grow up back in the '40s and '50s. When the month of June rolled around, it meant no more of the demands of school, looking forward to the school picnic, swimming at **Moore Pool** and enjoying the happy days of summer. Where I grew up on Creedmoor Avenue, there were loads of kids on the block. That meant there was always someone to play jacks or hopscotch or paper cutouts with or to dress up in **Mrs. Dolan's** old curtains. Many times we also packed our lunch consisting of a sandwich and a mayonnaise jar filled with milk and maybe a cookie, and hiked down to the deserted **Anderson Farm**. This was located at the bottom part of what is now Seaton Street below Creedmoor Place. It was really a big trip back then. Safe and no dangers to be concerned about. In the afternoon, the ice cream man would come by foot to the corner and ring his bell. All the kids would collect the pennies they had saved and get a Popsicle, Creamsicle or ice cream sandwich. After dinner there would probably be a baseball games up on Freedom until the street lights came on. Then it was off to bed to rest up for another day of fun.

-Joanne Fantoni

Questions of the Month:

Does anyone remember the name of the Lebanese restaurant that was upstairs of **Party Cake** and **South Hills Printing**?

Last Month's Questions:

What was the name of the group that all the **Resurrection** girls joined when they graduated from 8th grade?

Answer: The Sodality of Mary

READER'S RESPONSE

Mrs. Elvera Esposito called to thank us for printing **Clint Burton** and **Doug Brendel's** "Looking For Information" article in our April Issue. She found her brother's name **Frank Paul Dornetto**.



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Applications can be picked up at A-Boss Opticians, 938 Brookline Blvd or Cannon Coffee, 802 Brookline Blvd.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PITTSBURGH WEST LIBERTY K-5?



It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close.

In April our school participated in Autism Awareness led by our wonderful autistic support classroom teacher **Cindy Paal**. **Mrs. Paal** provided information to the staff on how to best assist children with autism. Also a hat day was held to help increase awareness of autism. On April 15, 2010, the children paid one dollar to wear a hat to raise money for the organization. **Pittsburgh West Liberty** raised \$242.95 for Autism Awareness. Great job!

Susan Basits' Fourth Grade Literacy Class recently participated in an essay/poetry contest sponsored by the Pittsburgh Post Gazette. The students wrote about Jackie Robinson, **Alexandra Arnold** composed a poem and **Dylan Emma** penned an essay. **Bobby Bradley** proudly received 3rd place for his report in the 3rd-4th grade essay division. Winners were honored with a ceremony at the Pirates' April 22nd game. The winning writings are posted in the entrance of the school. There were over 2,000 entries from 149 schools and 5 states. Congratulations!

Currently our school is competing with other schools in the district to win the Radio Disney Attendance Contest which began May 2 and will end on May 27. The school with the highest attendance will earn an end-of-year program from Radio Disney. At this point, we are in 6th place among the schools in our district. Good luck West Liberty!

All the students of **Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5** attended a field trip to Lowes Theater on Friday, May 6 to see the movie African Cats which is a Disney documentary movie about the large cats and their survival in the wild. The students had a good time while also gaining additional knowledge about cats that live in Africa.

On May 20 from 1:30-3:30, we'll be hosting our annual "Bring Your Father to School Day" also known as our "Very Important Person Day" (VIP day). On this day, the children are able to bring a person who is very important to them to school. The VIP will be able to tour our school, visit his/her child in his/her class, get a sneak peek at our Dancing Classrooms and vote on the exhibits in the Science Fair. Refreshments will be provided.

Speaking of our dancing classrooms, a team of twelve fifth grade students will compete in a ballroom dancing championship contest at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall on Saturday, May 21, at 10:00; we wish our students the best of luck. If you are not busy, come out and support the RED Team.

In continuation with our school's musical talent, our spring concert is just around the corner. On June 8 our music staff, **Mr. Adam Warble** and **Mr. William McCafferty**, will be hosting our annual spring musical. **Mr. McCafferty** will have the students ready to play several instrumental selections. Instrumental music class is taught in our school for grades 3 through 5. **Mr. Warble** will be preparing the singers in Kindergarten through fifth grade for this event. We will have a show for our parents at 10 am so that all may enjoy the talents of their children.

Speaking of spring events, our Fun Day is just around the corner. Fun Day will be held on Friday, June 10. The students look forward to participating in games, having their faces painted, jumping around in bouncers, and dancing to the DJ's music. The children will receive a complimentary cookout lunch and the day closes with a raffle where prizes are won by students who participated in games. Prizes are awarded in lottery style. This event is sponsored by our PTO.

Our final special events will take place on June 14 at 9:00 am with our Kindergarten promotion ceremony which will be followed by our 5th grade commencement ceremony which will be held on June 15 at 9:00 am. That brings this school year to a close.

Keep an eye on the August issue for information about classes resuming in the fall. The children's first day back will be Thursday, September 1. We will be celebrating the opening of school with our annual "Back to School" Social. We'll have more information about our upcoming back-to-school activities. Until then, enjoy the summer!

-**Kathy Moran**, Principal
-**Teresa Grusong-Adams**, First Grade Teacher

Editor's Note: We were complaining about trying to get this issue together, too much work and too little time. Then we read Ms. Grusong-Adams' email that accompanied this submission.

*"I'd like to submit an article for the June edition of **The Brookline**. If there are any problems if you could please contact my principal, **Kathy Moran**... I'll be delivering my baby today and won't be able to have access to the internet for a few days."*

*A few days?!?! We admire **Ms. Grusong-Adams** dedication and wish her the very best with her new addition.*





REPRESENTATIVE CHELSA WAGNER

Our neighborhood is fortunate to be home to the **Seton Brookline Farm Stand**, which operates from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Located in the **Elizabeth Seton Center** parking lot at 1900 Pioneer Ave., the Farm Stand brings the freshest, healthiest produce right into our neighborhood, often at prices far below the supermarkets. It supports our hardworking local family farmers, an important part of the economy in our region. And it is a fun community event that adds vibrancy to our neighborhood.

Community members 60 years of age or older and meeting income requirements (\$20,036 annually for a one-person household, \$26,955 for a two-person household) are eligible for Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) vouchers that can be used at the Farm Stand. **These vouchers will be distributed on a first-come first-served basis on Tuesday, June 28 at Our Lady of Loreto Church Social Hall**, 1901 Pioneer Ave. For more information, call Allegheny Area Agency on Aging at 412-350-4219.

The Farm Stand also accepts WIC FMNP coupons and SNAP benefits.

I thank the **Elizabeth Seton Center** and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank for once again providing this resource to our community, and encourage all of my constituents to support the Farm Stand, our local farms, and their own health by visiting the **Seton Center** each Wednesday.




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DID YOU KNOW? There is a website that will allow you to follow the progress of the Brookline Blvd. Renewal - *Lois McCafferty*


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In our last issue on page 10, we misidentified **Dorothea McGough** as Mary. We are sorry Dorothea!

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When we contact the police, or public works, or any other agency in government, and request action on a specific issue, often times the agency will look at 311 and 911 request records to determine if the issue is a higher priority or a lower priority. In their eyes, a house that has received no 311 or 911 calls in the last six months is probably not as high of a priority to the neighborhood as one that has received several.

Additionally, when we contact property owners directly and ask them to fix their properties or address issues with their tenants, a long list of 311 and 911 complaints can go a long way toward motivating them to take action. If they sense that their neighbors are unhappy with them, or that their property is becoming a source of contention on the block, they are much more interested in making repairs.

You should call 311 for any city service request that does not involve a police officer, a fire fighter, or an EMT. For instance, pot holes are a classic example. You should also report abandoned properties, illegal dump sites, overgrown weeds, or piled trash.

You should call 911 for any service call that involves a police officer, a fire fighter, or an EMT, whether it is an emergency or not. You may also request anonymity when calling. These calls are often prioritized, and in a non-emergency situation a public safety employee may not be able to immediately get to the scene. However rest assured that these calls logs are extremely important to our problem-solving work.

You should never feel embarrassed or feel like you are bothering anyone by calling 311 or 911. It is the public servant's job to listen, log, and respond to your concerns. If we all start cultivating good habits for reporting 311 and 911 every single time there is an issue of concern, my office will have a powerful tool for taking action to better our neighborhoods! The community's voice is extremely important as we work together to make South Pittsburgh a better place to live.

If you have comments or questions about this or any other issue, please don't hesitate to call my office at (412) 255-2131.



Because of construction delays due to inclement weather, **The Salvation Army** will postpone, until further notice, the dedication of our new building at 1060 McNeilly Rd.

We will not be holding any of the dedication festivities that were originally planned for the weekend of June 25 & 26, 2011.

The new dedication date will be announced in the near future.

-Laurette Underwood



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SIGN LANGUAGE PROFESSIONALS



Michelle M. Balfe -Photo by Melissa Distel Photography

When you meet **Michelle M. Balfe**, it's easy to see why this vibrant woman has had a successful twenty-year career as an American Sign Language interpreter. Her Italian background might explain her ability to speak so eloquently and fluently with her hands.

Her career began as a computer error after she signed up for a Spanish class. The University of Akron's computer decided she belonged in an American Sign Language class. She found she was quite good at ASL and a new career path beckoned.

As in any profession there are specialties in ASL like medical or legal interpreting. Not only must the interpreter have knowledge of ASL, but also the special language of a profession. Michelle enjoys entertainment interpreting. She has interpreted for "Jersey Boys", comedian Lisa Lampanelli and Jerry Seinfeld. Her company, **Sign Language Professionals**, can supply a professional to suit any interpretation need.

Learning ASL doesn't automatically mean you can interpret. Like the United Nations interpreters, an ASL interpreter translates from one language to another in the case of ASL from an aural language to a visual language. Most people have familiarity with other cultures from media exposure or from family and friends. Deaf culture is not as familiar. Gaining this cultural knowledge separates the great interpreters like Michelle, a nationally certified interpreter, from the rest.

Michelle demonstrated one of those cultural differences when she pushed against her file drawer. She stopped when the latch caught. Since a Deaf person cannot hear the latch catch, he or she will slam the front of the drawer to confirm it has closed. Now if an interpreter is signing a story where a critical line is "he slammed his hand against the drawer," a Deaf person would consider that normal, but a hearing person would have a different reaction. It's important for an interpreter to understand the difference in order to accurately translate. We capitalized the word Deaf because as Michelle explained to us, there is the Deaf community and those who are deaf. The latter group includes those of us who are losing our hearing due to age or illness. We have experienced the hearing sense. Deaf people have lived their entire lives in silence and do not see themselves as "handicapped," just operating with a different skill set.

Michelle lives in Brookline with her husband Peter, a City of Pittsburgh Firefighter, and seven-year-old daughter Madigan. If Michelle can help your organization or for more information, check <http://signlanguageprofessionals.net> or contact her at assignpro@verizon.net or call 412-979-6254.

- Pamela Grabowski

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June 14 Tuesday

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Homebuyer Workshop
June 2 hosted by **Dana Scotti**.
7:00PM -9:00PM at **Cannon Coffee**

BACC has no meetings in the summer. Thank you for supporting the **BACC** and attending our meetings this past season. We had many interesting meetings with a variety of topics and more community support. It is nice to see so many new faces. We hope to see you back at our meetings held the last Monday of the month at **St Marks Church**. Watch the newsletter for meeting information. Enjoy summer. See you in the Fall !

-Louise Pallone



FUN FLAIR IS COMING

The **Resurrection Fun Flair** kicks off July 6, 2011 and ends Saturday July 9, 2011. Each night, the **Fun Flair** is open from 7 – 11PM. Four full hours of fun for the entire family! Spread across the courtyard, gym, Quinn Hall and garage, the **Fun Flair** will have games, a huge Chinese Auction and garage sale, bake sale, bingo and more.

And on Friday, July 8th, there is a special fish dinner from 4-7PM that includes mac and cheese, fries, coleslaw, applesauce, veggies, rolls and butter, desserts and beverages.

-Bethany Hensel



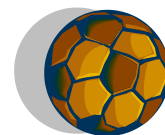
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- **Martial Arts** - Mondays 6:00PM to 8:45PM for ages 10 to adult. Learn Tae Kwon Do fundamentals with a trained instructor. Cost is \$15 a year.
- **Summer Basketball** signups begin April 1 for boys and girls ages 9 through 14. 11-Under Instructional and 14-Under. Leagues begin in mid-June and run through the end of July. Games are played on weekdays in the morning and afternoon. Cost is \$25/player. Deadline for registration is May 15, 2011. Roster positions limited. Sign Up Now!!!
- **Instructional Basketball Clinic** for boys and girls ages 6 to 8 will be held on Saturdays beginning in mid-April. Call for more information.

Call the center for more information 412-571-3222.



Brookline Knights football and **Brookline Youth Soccer** signups are in June. Watch for the banners to go up at Pioneer Avenue and Brookline Blvd. for exact dates.



Call for Volunteers

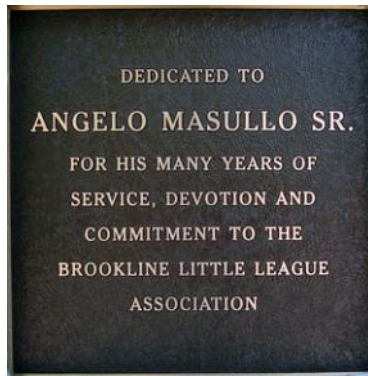
- **FOREVER HOME BEAGLE RESCUE** call 412-304-4034 or BeagleHQ@msn.com Foster homes needed as well as donations of dog food, blankets and bath towels.
- **DOGIPOT MAINTENANCE** call Lisa at 412-343-1319
- **MEALS ON WHEELS** sponsored by **St. Mark's Lutheran Church** call 412-343-8144
- **MEALS ON WHEELS** sponsored by **Lutheran Service Society** call 412-366-9490
- **SENIOR VAN TRANSPORTATION** call 412-344-4222
- **BROOKLINE CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** call **Pat Erny** 412-344-8451
- **CLOTHES CLOSET MINISTRY** call **Brookline United Presbyterian Church** at 412-531-0590

Are you unable to volunteer your time right now? You can still help many of these organizations. **Meals on Wheels** accepts cash and donations of cookies, desserts and bread. Add a grocery store gift card to your shopping cart and send it to the **Brookline Christian Food Pantry, c/o Pat Erny, 2918 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226-2038**

If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito.

-Betty Reese

BROOKLINE LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE KICKS OFF SEASON



There was a special dedication to **Angelo Masullo, Sr.** after the parade commencing the 61st season. Angelo's last years were spent as the crossing guard at Dunster. Many people miss him. He spent 33 years with Brookline Little League Association from 1967-1999 as a coach, past president and a mentor. He died in 2005. **Brookline Pub** won the banner contest.
*- Our thanks to **Clint Burton** for information & photos.*



LOCAL TALENT

This is Brookline's very own **Angelea Taylor** from this year's Grammy awards. You can check out an article about her in the Brookline Patch. <http://dormont-brookline.patch.com/articles/brookline-teen-performs-at-grammy-events>. The photos were sent to us by **Natalia Rudiak** who received them from Angelea's father, **Malcolm Taylor**.



EARTH DAY RECAP



It was a soggy day for **South Pittsburgh Development Corporation's** 7th annual Earth Day Clean-up. However, the rain did not dampen volunteer spirits. We had 17 people show



up to help, and though the clean-up was cut short by weather, we did manage to collect over 40 large bags of litter from a couple trouble areas.

Volunteers were treated to all the **Cannon Coffee** they could drink (boing!) and a appreciation lunch from **Antonio's Pizza** afterward.

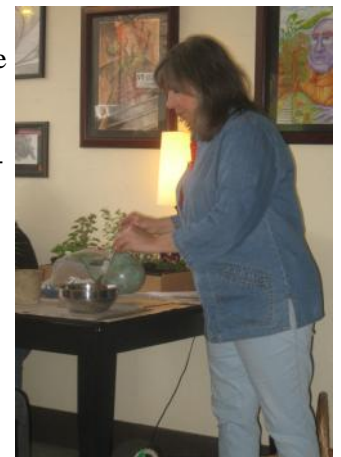
We added new 'green' features this year, Phipps Master Gardener **Lorrie Eusades** gave a wonderful class on container gardening. The audience sat in rapt attention as Lorrie covered the tips and secrets of a successful planting. She also answered a multitude of general gardening questions afterward. We also held a seed planting demonstration for children, the kids really got into packing a peat pot with soil and planting their choice of green beans or pumpkins.

Also, the kids at **Brookline Park** cleaned up their areas and had a pizza party sponsored by **SPDC**. Thank you **Mickey [Underwood]** and **Clint [Burton]** for organizing the park's clean-up.

Special thanks to all our volunteers, **Antonio's Pizza** for a delicious lunch, **Cannon Coffee** for providing a warm and friendly venue, Allegheny Clean-ways for supplies and the support of the **SPDC** board in making our Earth Day event possible.



Above from left: **Lauren Bateman, Shane Foster & Timmy Bateman.**



-Keith Knecht with photos by Jan Beiler